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MINISTER OF TRANSPORT STATEMENT ON THE HIJACKING AND KIDNAPPING OF THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON OF Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA)

The Minister of Transport, Dr. Bonginkosi Nzimande, condemns the Hijacking and kidnapping of the Chairperson of the Board of PRASA, Ms Khanyisile Kweyama, in Johannesburg, on Thursday evening, 05 July 2018.

We are informed that when the Chairperson got out to her car to inspect damages sustained, she was pepper-sprayed and was bundled into the boot of a car and driven around for at least three hours before the suspects abandoned here vehicle in Katlehong near the Kwesini train station. During this ordeal, the Chairperson was unharmed

"I condemn this act with the contempt it deserves. This act of violence against the chairperson is a scare and intimidation tactic against the PRASA Board chairperson to defocus her on her enormous work and progress in turning around PRASA together with her Board," said Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande said no amount of intimidation will defocus the PRASA Board and government in ensuring that PRASA provides it's much needed, decent and cost effective services to the working class and the poor.

The Minister further said that PRASA will continue to investigate all instance of maladministration, corruption and state capture and ensure that all involved are

exposed and detained.

Furthermore Minister Nzimande said that this despicable act will not be allowed in our democracy, where individuals with underhand motives want to intimidate individuals acting on behalf of government from performing their responsibilities.

"I will be urgently engaging with PRASA Board and Management to discuss this matter further, confirmed Minister Nzimande.

"Law enforcement agencies will continue to work hard and leave no stone unturned to arrest all the perpetrators of this senseless act of criminality and sabotage," emphasised Minister Nzimande.

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